

## **DR. SURENDRA KUMAR KAUSHIK**

Dr. Surendra K. Kaushik was born in Malsisar, India, on June 21, 1944 to Vaidya Laxminarain and Ratni Chaturvedy Kaushik.

Dr. Kaushik received his schooling at V.R. High School in Malsisar, B.Com. from Poddar College in Nawalgarh, Jhunjhunu district in 1965, and M.A. in economics from the Department of Economics, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, in 1967, Certificate in Research Methods at the Institute of Economic Growth in Delhi in 1968, registered doctoral candidate at the Delhi School of Economics in 1969, and Ph.D. in economics from Boston University, USA in 1976.

Dr. Kaushik and Helena Pokornicki, born in Detroit, Michigan on 22 July 1944, were married on September 12, 1973 in Boston, Massachusetts. He became a naturalized US citizen in 1980. They traveled together to India and several other countries. As a health professional, Mrs. Kaushik took interest in the caring of children's health and education in India during her visits. Her education in nursing and nursing administration with associate, bachelor's and master's education and experience even took her to talk with the head of WHO in Delhi to talk about the open sewer across from its offices and general health conditions in India during her very first day in India in 1979.

Mrs. Kaushik suffered a debilitating stroke in January 1991 which has left her totally disabled at home where she is cared for by Dr. Kaushik for the past twenty one years.

Before joining Pace University in New York City and Westchester, New York, in 1981 where he is a professor of finance, Dr. Kaushik taught in Boston area at Boston University, Northeastern University, Lowell Technological Institute (now University of Massachusetts, Lowell), Boston State College (now part of the University of Massachusetts, Boston), and Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Dr. Kaushik has numerous publications – books, edited books, articles in finance and economics to his credit over the last 40 years since his first academic publication in *Artha Vijnana* in 1969.

Dr. Kaushik established Mrs. Helena Kaushik Women's College in 1999 in his native village Malsisar, District Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan, where there was no college in a 35-kilometer radius, let alone a women's college. It is a fully accredited college in the University of Rajasthan system. It does not charge tuition because of generally low incomes of area residents. It is financed from American private donations from individuals and foundations that believe in the power of education and give back to society beyond their own families and relatives.

This NRI/PIO effort is unique and among a few such service to the home country. It was a harbinger of the importance of women's empowerment through higher education. It is an exemplary demonstration to NRIs/PIOs as to their giving back to and investing in India. Women of India are a great resource and deserve equal opportunity and preparation to contribute their best in all walks of life as mothers, workers, business persons and industrialists, educators and scientists, civil, military and police servants and politicians and leaders in all areas. Women's empowerment through higher education is a great national asset and source of future prosperity of Rajasthan, India and the world.

The college has grown rapidly on a 30-acre new campus. It has already graduated ten classes (a total of 900 plus graduates) with a B.A. B. Sc, B. Sc in Biotechnology, B.Ed., M.A., and M.Sc. in Biotechnology from 2002 to 2011. It is in its thirteenth academic year of operation in 2011-2012.

*A College for Women* documentary about the Mrs. Helena Kaushik Women's P.G. College directed by Sanjay Singh had its world premiere at the first Pravasi Film Festival on January 5, 2010. It had a special screening at the Press Club of India in Delhi on January 7, 2010.

Dr. Kaushik was awarded the **Aruna Asaf Ali Sadhbhavana (Goodwill) Award** of the *Minorities League of India*, **Hind Rattan Award** of the *NRI Society of India*, and Shiromani **Rashtriya Vikas Award** of the Delhi Telugu Academy, among others. **The New York State Assembly** honored the College on its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by a **Legislative Resolution in April 2009**. The resolution co-sponsored by some 45 Assembly members was presented to Dr. Kaushik in the well of the Assembly on May 15, 2009 by Hon. Sandy Galef representing the 90<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. He is a member of the **Mewar Shiromani Sabha**, established by Shriji Arvind Singh Mewar of Udaipur, India, since August 2009. *Children's Hope India* honored Dr. Kaushik with **Making a Difference Award** on at its gala fundraising event in New York City on October 11, 2009. **New Jersey General Assembly** honored Dr. Kaushik with **Assembly Resolution in May 2010**.

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